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Monticello Oct. 17, 1800.

Dear Sir

Yours of the 12th came to hand yesterday. We shall be happy to receive Mrs. Monroe & yourself again among us, but as you speak of your coming with more uncertainty, I prepare the present for the post. Craven has gone back some time. He was anxious to get his father in law purchase of yr. concluded. He said indeed he would have taken on himself to conclude it, but that Mr. Darrelle had refused to sell his own lands till he could be sure of yours. That the purchaser was waiting with the money and therefore he viewed the thing as certain; but not so absolutely so as to justify his undertaking the conclusion. He is much interested in effecting it; because the situation of his wife renders it necessary to move here immediately or not till the spring. The latter would ruin him; and he can not get a house to bring her to till next month unless yours is purchased in hopes of delivering these details to you in person I add no more to them. Health respect & affection.Th. Jefferson

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